ABSTRACT

A system for effecting and monitoring a real-time process that is participated in by multiple participants over a network. In one embodiment, multiple components of the system include: at least one participant computer with a display; at least one server coupled to the at least one participant computer through the network; and at least one memory device that stores instructions. When the instructions are executed, they cause a processor to periodically collect real-time data regarding the real-time process, and periodically update a display with a graphical representation of a current state of the process using the real-time data.

The instructions also cause the processor to receive participant inputs via the display, wherein the participant inputs include changes to the real-time data. The processor also updates the display to reflect the changes to the real-time data in

response to the participant inputs.